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Educators Plan New Aids for Handicapped at Douglas School

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It's a pretty hard job to get along in this world with the body working. But when an eye or a heart or some muscles are not in perfect running order the world looks a little tougher. Sections in two of our schools are working with the eyes, the hearts and the muscles that aren't up to par in the hope that the youngsters who own them may be happier and may get along better in work and play.

The muscles are being schooled at Stuart at the corner of S Sixth Street and S Grand Ave. The eyes and hearts are doing their class work in Douglas school at Walnut and Mason Sts.

Stuart and Douglas are regular schools—other children to them—335 at Stuart and 225 at Douglas. Stuart is the oldest built in 1883 with an addition in 1924. It's not a bad school for the ones whose legs do what they tell them to. But for the nine children in the crippled children's school the steps and levels are practically impossible. They can't climb them in a wheelchair.

Polio Victims Coming

So after 25 years of treating defective muscles at Stuart the school board recommends that the crippled children's group be moved to new quarters where there will be room for the new students coming from the hospitals after the last summer polio epidemic.

However there is no place to take the students—every place is packed or has the same steps that make movement in the building difficult.

So the plan was devised to arrange temporary quarters at Douglas where the building is a one story structure and will make class attendance easy for little ones in wheelchairs.

The board realized that this would not be the "last word" at the present setup warrants change so that the crippled children can become a part of the school program of a larger .